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RURAL DISTRICT OF ELHAM

KENT

ANNUAL REPORTS OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1959.



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5 drivers
5 loaders

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Statistics:

Area: 36,685 acres.

Population: The Registrar-General's estimate of the mid-year
population of the District was 9,690 (9,490 in 1958).

Number of Inhabited Houses: 3,092

Rateable Value: £110,465.

Sum represented by penny rate: £438.

Health Department,
Brook House,
Dover.

To: The Chairman and Members of the Elham Rural District Council:

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the Rural District for the year 1959.

The estimated mid-year population of the District was 9690 compared with 9490 in 1948.

There was little appreciable change in the birth rate and after adjustment for comparative purposes it was only slightly below the rate for England and Wales.

The death rate was somewhat lower than in the preceeding year and was considerably lower than the figure for the country as a whole.

The infant mortality rate on the other hand showed a substantial increase on the figure for 1958, being 37.8 per 1,000 live births and much above the national average of 22.0. Although the actual number of deaths was small, congenital defect as a cause of death materially contributed to the increased mortality.

There were no maternal deaths during the year.

There were twenty-one deaths from Cancer giving a mortality rate of 2.16 per 1,000 population compared with 2.14 for England and Wales. Cancer of the lung accounted for four deaths or 0.41 per 1,000. The corresponding rate per England and Wales was 0.46.

The incidence of infectious diseases showed no unusual features and continued to be low though measles was more prevalent than during the previous year.

Figures of immunisations locally against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough under the County Scheme fell somewhat during the year while primary vaccinations against Smallpox were increased.

The figures for Poliomyelitis Vaccination, also supplied by the County Medical Officer, showed an increase in the total number of injections given as well as an increase in the number of persons of 15 years and over who completed a course of injections.

Details of the sanitary circumstances of the area are included in the Report of the Surveyor and Senior Public Health Inspector and I would refer only to the Council's Sewerage Scheme for Hawkinge, Swingfield and Acrise which was the subject of a public enquiry during the year and which was subsequently approved by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

I have to thank the Council for the interest taken in the Department's work and also the Clerk and other members of the Council's staff for their assistance generally throughout the year.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

C.F. LYNCH

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A - EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

1. BIRTHS:

(a) Registered Live Births:-

	Male:	Female:	Total:
Legitimate	66	60	126
Illegitimate	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u>71</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>132</u>

Comparability Factor - 1.06

Crude Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population	13.62
Crude Legitimate Live Births per 1,000 estimated population	13.00
Crude Illegitimate Live Births per 1,000 estimated population	0.62
Adjusted Live Birth Rate for comparative purposes	14.44

(b) Stillbirths:-

	Male:	Female:	Total:
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

Stillbirth Rate (Per 1,000 Live and Stillbirths) - 14.93

2. DEATHS:

	Male:	Female:	Total:
Registered	91	84	175

Comparability Factor:- 0.44

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population	18.06
Adjusted for comparative purposes	7.95

The area comparability factors for use with crude birth and death rates contain adjustments for boundary changes and make allowance for the way in which the sex and age distribution of the local population differs from that for England and Wales as a whole. In addition, the death rate area comparability factors have been adjusted specifically to take account of the presence of any residential institutions in each area. When local crude birth and death rates are multiplied by the appropriate area comparability factor, they are comparable with the crude rate for England and Wales or with the corresponding adjusted rate for any other area.

3. INFANT MORTALITY:

Deaths under 1 year:-

	Male:	Female:	Total:
Legitimate	3	2	5
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births:- 38.

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Causes of Deaths, and Age Groups in 1959.

Cause of Death:	Male:	Female:	Total:
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	5	-	5
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	-	4
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	3	8	11
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	2	-	2
Diabetes	1	1	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	13	17	30
Coronary disease, angina	12	11	23
Hypertension with heart disease	3	1	4
Other heart disease	12	22	34
Other circulatory disease	6	3	9
Influenza	1	2	3
Pneumonia	3	2	5
Bronchitis	7	2	9
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	2	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	-	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	3	-	3
Congenital malformations	2	-	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	9	10	19
All other accidents	2	1	3
TOTALS	91	84	175

Age Groups in which Deaths Occurred:

Age Groups:	Male:	Female:	Total:
Under 1 year:	3	2	5
1 year:	-	-	-
2 - 4 years:	-	-	-
5 - 14 years:	-	1	1
15 - 24 years:	1	-	1
25 - 44 years:	4	-	4
45 - 64 years:	13	9	22
65 - 74 years:	22	16	38
75 years and over:	48	56	104
TOTALS	91	84	175

5. SPECIALLY RECORDED DEATHS:

Measles (all ages) -
 Whooping Cough (all ages) -
 Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) -
 Cancer (all ages) 21

Rate per 1,000 estimated populationElham Rural District: England & Wales:

(i) Lungs and bronchus 0.41 0.464
 (ii) Other 1.75 1.676

AGE GROUPS IN WHICH DEATHS FROM CANCER OCCURRED

CANCER OF:--	25 - 44		45 - 64		65 - 74		75 and Over		Total	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Stomach	-	-	1	-	2	-	2	-	5	-
Lung, Bronchus	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	4	-
Breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Other Sites	-	-	-	3	1	4	2	1	3	8
TOTALS	2	-	2	3	4	4	4	2	12	9

6. COMPARATIVE RATES:

Elham Rural District: England & Wales:

1958 1959 1959
(per 1,000 Home Population)

BIRTHS:

Live Births Crude:	13.80	13.62	16.5
Live Births Adjusted:	14.63	14.44	-
Still Births:	0.63	0.21	0.35

DEATHS:

Crude:	22.44	18.06	11.6
Adjusted:	9.65	7.95	-

Deaths (per 1,000 live births)

All causes under 1 year of age:	7.64	37.8	22.0
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MATERNAL MORTALITY: (Per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births)

All causes	7.30 (1 death)	-	0.38
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SECTION B - GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

(a) Hospitals:

St. Mary's Hospital, Etchinghill, situated within the Rural District, provides accommodation for the aged and infirm and chronic sick cases and is administered by the South East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board. Appropriate facilities for the treatment of acute cases, maternity cases and infectious diseases are provided by the Board's hospitals elsewhere in the region.

(b) Laboratory Facilities:

The Public Health Laboratory Service undertakes the examination of pathological and other specimens as well as the routine bacteriological examination of water, milk and other samples.

(c) Nursing and Midwifery Services:

These domiciliary services are provided by the Kent County Council which is the administrative authority for them in the Rural area. The following information on the work of the services during 1959 has been provided by the County Medical Officer.

(i)	Number of Home Nurses working in District	..	..	8
	Number of Patients attended	..	..	227
	Number of attendances including casual visits			6,263
(ii)	Number of Midwives working in District	..	..	7
	Number of births attended	..	..	53

(d) Clinics and Welfare Centres:

The County Council as the Local Health Authority and Education Authority provides various specialist and consultant services for expectant and nursing mothers, infants, toddlers and children of school age. The Regional Hospital Board also provides clinics serving the Rural Area, including those for the diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis and venereal disease.

(e) Ambulance Service:

This service is administered and operated by the Kent County Council with ambulance stations in the neighbouring towns.

SECTION C - PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES

1. Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis) Notified during 1959
By Age Groups + Corrected:

Age Group	Whooping Cough	Measles	Pneumonia	Scarlet Fever
Age Unknown	-	2	-	-
Under 1 year	-	1	-	-
1 - 2 years	1	4	-	-
2 - 3 years	2	10	-	-
3 - 4 years	3	16	-	-
4 - 5 years	-	9	-	-
5 - 10 years	2	52	-	1
10 - 15 years	-	4	-	2
15 - 20 years	-	2	-	1
20 - 35 years	-	-	-	-
35 - 45 years	-	-	-	-
45 - 65 years	-	-	1	-
65 years and upwards	1	-	-	-
Total	9	100	1	4
Admitted to Hospital	-	-	-	1
Notification Rates per 1,000 Home Population Elham Rural District	0.93	10.32	0.10	0.41
England and Wales	0.73	11.88	0.59	1.06

2. FOOD POISONING:

There were no notified cases of food poisoning in the District.

3. IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION:

The Schemes for Whooping Cough and Diphtheria immunisation and Smallpox and Poliomyelitis Vaccination were continued under the administration of the Kent County Council and the following statistics for 1959 are made available by the courtesy of the County Medical Officer:-

(a) Whooping Cough Immunisation:

86 Children received primary whooping cough immunisation.

(b) Diphtheria Immunisation:

Number of children resident in the District who received:-

- (a) Primary inoculations - 110
- (b) Reinforcing inoculations - 58

3. IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION:

(b) Diphtheria Immunisation: (cont'd.)

Number of children under the age of 15 years on the 31st December, 1959, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date.

	Under 5 years	5-15 years	Total
Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster) 1955 - 1959	397	600	997
1954 or earlier	-	579	579

(c) Smallpox Vaccination:

Vaccination against smallpox recorded:-

Age as at 31st December, 1959:

	<u>Under 1 year:</u>	<u>1-4 years:</u>	<u>5-14 years:</u>	<u>15 years and over</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number vaccinated	33	54	1	3	91
Number re-vaccinated	-	-	2	-	2

(d) Poliomyelitis Vaccination:

Persons resident in the District receiving injections against Poliomyelitis:-

	<u>Under 1 year:</u>	<u>1-4 years:</u>	<u>5-10 years:</u>	<u>11-14 years</u>	<u>15 years and over</u>
Given two injections	4	132	86	79	393
Given third injection	-	291	542	370	317

4. Tuberculosis:

New cases of tuberculosis notified during 1959 were as follows:-

						<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	
						<u>Male:</u>	<u>Female:</u>	<u>Male:</u>	<u>Female:</u>
						5	-	-	1
1958	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	-	1

Age grouping of the new cases notified:-

25 - 44 years	..	..	..	..	..	3	-	-	1
65 years and over	..	..	..	..	..	2	-	-	-

The following "Annual Statement of Tuberculosis" is compiled from the four Quarterly Returns rendered to the County Medical Officer:-

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
(a) Number of Cases of Tuberculosis on Register as at 1st January, 1959.	40	36	2	6
(b) Number of Cases notified under Regulations of 1952 for first time during the year.	5	-	-	1
(c) Restored to Register.	-	1	-	-
(d) Added to Register otherwise than by formal notification.	-	1	-	-
(e) Cases removed from Register during year, including recoveries or deaths (excluding deaths of un-notified cases)	3	4	-	3
(f) Cases on Register at end of 1959	42	34	2	4

Of the 10 patients whose names were removed from the Register during the year, 3 were regarded as recovered, 5 removed from the District, 1 was reported to be not tuberculous and 1 died, although in this case the immediate cause of death was not attributed to tuberculosis.

There were no deaths from tuberculosis of un-notified cases during the year.

No action was necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, (regarding tuberculous persons employed in the milk trade) or Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936, regarding the compulsory removal of tuberculous patients to hospital.

Public Health (Aircraft) Regulations 1952: Aliens Order 1953.

Lymington Airport:

No cases of infectious disease were reported during the year among air passengers or crews arriving at the Airport; 10,704 aliens were landed and 15 were referred for medical examination under the Aliens Order. Two certificates were issued, one of the aliens concerned being refused leave to land.

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Report of the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector

Section D

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

1) Water Supply

The quality of the water supplied by the two Statutory Water Undertakings was satisfactory throughout the year. In the Densole area of Swingfield and part of Acrise, a loss of water pressure has been noticed during the summer period and to remedy this, the Mid-Kent Water Company have submitted plans to erect a concrete water tower in the affected area which should remedy this periodic insufficiency.

Examination of samples taken during the year

Type	No.	Bacteriological	
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Raw Water (piped)	6	3	3
Raw Water (not piped)	23	13	10
Treated Water	11	7	4
		Chemical	
Raw Water	1	1	Nil
TOTALS	41	24	17

The owners of two dwellings from which unsatisfactory samples were obtained had the main supply connected.

All samples taken at St. Mary's Hospital, Etchinghill, where a chlorination plant had been installed, have proved to be satisfactory.

The Folkestone and District Water Company have commenced the laying of the short water main extension at Peene in order that some 15 other dwellings may be connected.

Mid-Kent Water Company

Eleven reports on the bacteriological examination of water were received from Mid-Kent Water Company. The reports shewed that all the samples were satisfactory.

94.8 of the total number of dwellinghouses in the district had piped supplies of water.

No. of houses with piped supply

	No. of houses	Direct to house	Stand pipe	Remarks
Acrise	37	32	Nil	Treated Water
Elham	493	460	4	do.
Elmsted	106	106	Nil	do.
Hawkinge	381	369	Nil	do.
Lyminge	535	506	2	do.
Lympe	239	232	Nil	do.
Monks Horton	42	42	Nil	Part Treated
Newington	118	85	1	Treated Water
Paddlesworth	12	10	Nil	do.
Postling	58	55	Nil	do.
Saltwood	318	317	Nil	do.
Sellindge	294	280	Nil	do.
Stanford	151	142	Nil	do.
Stelling	80	80	Nil	do.
Stelling Minnis	64	64	Nil	do.
Stowting	68	58	Nil	do.
Swingfield	277	266	Nil	do.
Total:	3,273	3,104	7	-

2) Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

Elham, Lyminge and Newington

Stage I - Newington, Peene and Frogholt

This scheme was completed and all 84 properties in these small hamlets were connected. All properties with pail closets were converted to W.Cs. by owners with assistance of grants made under Section 47 of the Public Health Act, 1936. The sewage treatment plant which served St. Mary's Hospital, Etchinghill and was a continuous source of trouble was made redundant when this stage of the scheme was completed.

Stage II - Etchinghill, Lyminge and Elham

Most of the gravity sewers in Etchinghill, some at Elham and the rising main from Elham and Lyminge to Etchinghill were completed.

Hawkinge, Swingfield and Acrise

The public enquiry into this scheme was held in August, approval was received from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and tenders were invited from contractors.

It is anticipated that work will commence on this scheme in April, 1960.

Cesspool Emptying

Cesspools were emptied by direct labour with three Dennis 800 gallon emptiers and despite overtime being worked and a vehicle being hired from Messrs. Lines of Wootton, there was a delay of seven weeks between receipt and execution of requests to empty cesspools at certain times of the year.

It is anticipated that the position will become easier next year when Lyminge and Elham villages have a main drainage scheme.

No direct charge is made for the emptying of cesspools serving private dwellings.

3) General

	No. in district	No. of Visits	No. of defects found	No. remedied
Bakehouses	4	8	2	2
Dairies (retail)	2	5	Nil	Nil
Ice-cream premises	41	85	4	4
Slaughterhouses	3	321	19	18
Other places where food is prepared or sold	49	82	8	8
Offensive trades	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Factories	41	48	2	2

Summary of Visits:-

Food premises, shops and slaughterhouses	604
Factories	50
Sanitary defects, Housing and Improvement Grants	309
Petroleum Storage and Stage Play Licences	85
Sampling	92
Building operations and drainage	772
Town and Country Planning and Civil Defence	238
Miscellaneous	721
In connection with Main Drainage Schemes	243

Nuisances and defects remedied during the year:-

Bath, sinks, etc.	14
Dustbins	12
Cooking and heating	7
Dampness	24
Roofs, R.W.Ps, chimneys	22
Drainage: Reconstructions	15
Drainage: Repairs	4
Sanitary accommodation	7
Walls, ceilings and floors	14
Water supplies	14

Total No. of inspections of all kinds during the year:-	3,114
" " of premises connected to main sewers	342
" " " " " to cesspools or septic tanks	1,801
" " " " with pail closets	Exact figure not known
" " " " " earth closets	
" " " " not connected to public water supply	169
" " " Informal Notices served	71
" " " Statutory Notices served	Nil

4) Control of Infestation

Rodent Control

A part time Rodent Operator was employed and disinfection was carried out in accordance with recommendations laid down by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

No. of visits made:	Dwelling houses	949
	Agricultural	257
	Business Premises	69
	Local Authority	44

No. of premises treated:	Minor infestations	217
	Major infestations	51
	Mice	89

Vermin and Insects

Several minor infestations of wasps, bees, flies, cockroaches, ants and other garden insects were successfully treated.

5) Refuse Collection and Disposal

Collection of domestic refuse was undertaken by direct labour using two Bedford 7 cu. yd. covered collection vehicles.

Two driver/loaders and two loaders were employed on this service.

Disposal of refuse was by controlled tipping. Two tips were in use during the year, one at Stanford and one at Swingfield.

Salvage

Income derived from the sale of salvaged materials was £191.3s.11d. 33 tons 1 cwt. 5 qrs. of waste paper were collected and sold, the remainder of the income was realised from the sale of scrap metals and mixed rags.

SECTION E

Food

1) Milk

No. of retailers	14
No. of dairies	2

6 licences to use the special designation "Pasteurised" and 6 licences to use the special designation "Tuberculin Tested" in relation to milk sold retail were in force in the district.

2) Ice Cream

No ice cream or iced lollies were manufactured in the district. 41 premises were registered for the sale of ice cream. Only pre-wrapped ice cream was retailed in the district.

3) Meat and Other Foods

At the beginning of the year, the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations 1958 and The Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations 1958 came into operation.

One slaughterhouse is no longer in use, thus leaving three private slaughterhouses in operation.

Carcases inspected and condemned

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	84	21	164	7,229	3,303
Number inspected	84	21	164	7,229	3,103
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	2	46	10
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	10	5	2	427	95
% of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	11.9	23.8	1.2	6.5	3.3
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	48
% of the number inspected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.5
<u>Cysticerci only</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	"	"	"	"	"
Generalised and totally condemned	"	"	"	"	"

The following foodstuffs were surrendered and condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

Home killed beef	1 cwt. - qrs. 2 lbs.
Home killed pork	14 cwt. 3 qrs. 16 lbs.
Home killed mutton	1 ton 14 cwt. - qrs. 2 lbs.
Home killed veal	17 lbs.
Misc. tinned goods	1 qr. 20 lbs.

Slaughtering by a wholesale butcher at one slaughterhouse has meant working after normal office hours every Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. On 46 occasions meat inspection was carried out after 9.0 p.m.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955.

The standard of hygiene in foodshops has gradually improved over the year due to routine inspections, and the service of informal notices.

Deadweight certification of pigs (Fatstock Guarantee Scheme)

The certification of the deadweight of pigs was carried out at the slaughterhouse in Swingfield, this duty being carried out on one afternoon per week. A total of 70 pigs were certified during the year.

SECTION F

Housing

1) Number of Inspections

	Informal notices served (Housing and Public Health Acts)	42
	Informal notices complied with	41
	Statutory notices served	Nil
	Statutory notices complied with by owners	Nil
	Statutory notices complied with by L.A. in default	Nil
a)	Number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health and Housing Acts	108
b)	Number of houses found to be in any respect unfit for human habitation	39
c)	Number of houses found to be unfit for human habitation and incapable of repair at reasonable cost	6
d)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied by informal action	42
e)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	4
f)	Number of houses demolished	5
g)	Number of houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking given under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957	3
h)	Number of dwelling houses reconditioned and undertakings cancelled	Nil

2) Improvement Grants made under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 and House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959

a) Discretionary Grants

	Number of applications received	30
	" " " refused	2
	" " " withdrawn	2
	" " dwellings involved	29
	Total cost of works, including repairs	£16,176.16s.11d.
	Total amount of grants approved	£7,005. 0s. Od.

b) Standard Grants

	Number of applications received	6
	" " " refused	Nil
	" " " withdrawn	Nil
	" " dwellings involved	6
	Total cost of improvements	£1,450. 0s. Od.
	Total amount of grants approved	£725. 0s. Od.

3) Building Operations

During the year 278 applications were considered under the Town and Country Planning Acts and 434 applications under the Building Byelaws.

4) Council Houses

During the year work commenced on the erection of a block of four flats and three pairs of semi-detached Council houses opposite St. Mary's Hospital, Etchinghill.

260 dwellings in the district were owned by the Local Authority. This was 7.97% of the total number of dwellings in the district.

5) Privately Built Houses

52 private dwellings were erected during the year and 32 were in course of erection at the end of the year.

354 post war private houses have been erected up to 31st December, 1959.

SECTION G

Miscellaneous

1) Inspections under Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928 and Regulations

All petrol storage installations in the district were inspected during the year in the company of a Fire Prevention Officer of the Kent Fire Brigade, and particular attention was given to the electrical equipment associated with petrol service pumps. In addition, limiting devices are now required under the new Home Office code, which will limit the maximum quantity of spirit to be dispensed at one time.

The standard of fire prevention measures has improved over the year due to these inspections.

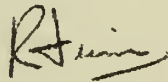
2) Theatre Acts (as amended)

Throughout the district, all halls and other public buildings in which stage plays are publically performed were inspected in the company of a Fire Prevention Officer of the Kent Fire Brigade prior to the issue of licences under the above Acts.

During these inspections some contraventions found were subsequently remedied. As a result of these inspections all due precautions have been taken for the safety of the public, performers and employees.

Administration of Shops Act, 1950

During the year 103 visits were made to the shops in the district. Some contraventions which were observed, were remedied informally.



Surveyor & Public Health Inspector.

Council Offices,
Lyminge,
Kent.

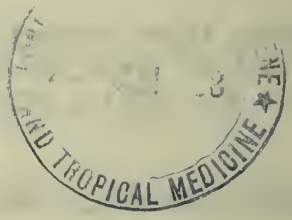
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